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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 NATHANIEL MARCUS GANN, et al.,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 vs.

14 VALLEY STATE PRISON, et al.,

15 Defendants.
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1:19-cv-01797-GSA-PC

**ORDER STRIKING CONSENT/DECLINE
FORM FILED BY MANFRED
SCHOCKNER AS IMPROPERLY FILED
IN THIS CASE
(ECF No. 14.)**

**ORDER DIRECTING THE CLERK TO
SERVE A COPY OF THIS ORDER ON
MANFRED SCHOCKNER**

19 Nathaniel Marcus Gann ("Plaintiff Gann") is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in*
20 *forma pauperis* with this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff Gann and
21 fourteen co-plaintiffs filed the Complaint commencing this action on December 26, 2019. (ECF
22 No. 1.)

23 Currently, Plaintiff Gann is the sole plaintiff in this case. On January 7, 2020, the court
24 issued an order severing Plaintiff Gann's claims from his fourteen co-plaintiffs' claims and
25 directing the Clerk to open a new case for each of the fourteen co-plaintiffs. (ECF No. 10.) Thus,
26 each of the fourteen co-plaintiffs now proceeds with his own case and separate case number.
27 Each co-plaintiff was ordered to complete and file *in his own case* the court's consent/decline
28 form indicating whether he consents to or declines Magistrate Judge jurisdiction. (*Id.*)

1 On January 27, 2020, one of the co-plaintiffs, Manfred Schockner ("Schockner"),
2 erroneously filed a consent/decline form in this case instead of in his own new case. (ECF No.
3 14.) Schockner's consent/decline form in this case shall be stricken from the record as
4 improperly filed in this case.¹ Schockner is required to file a consent/decline form in his new
5 case using his own new case number, if he has not already done so.

6 Based on the foregoing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 7 1. The consent/decline form filed in this case by Manfred Schockner on January 27,
8 2020, is STRICKEN from the record as improperly filed in this case;
- 9 2. Manfred Schockner is required to file the court's consent/decline form *in his own*
10 *case*, if he has not already done so; and
- 11 3. The Clerk is directed to serve a copy of this order on:

12 Manfred Schockner
13 G-05416
14 Valley State Prison
15 P.O. Box 96
16 Chowchilla, CA 93610

17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 Dated: January 30, 2020

19 /s/ Gary S. Austin
20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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28 ¹ "A document which is 'stricken' will not be considered by the Court for any purpose." (See
First Informational Order, ECF No. 6 at 2:7-8.)